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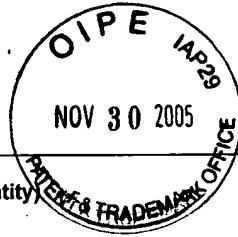
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Applicant(s): Gene Michal					
Serial No. 10/712,678	Filing Date November 12, 2003	Examiner Hieu Phan	Group Art Unit 3738		
Invention: Ethylene-Carboxyl Copolymers As Drug Delivery Matrices					
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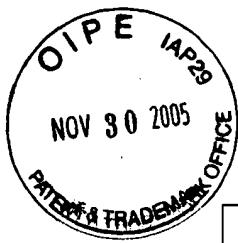
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This is a response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, which has a shortened statutory period for reply that is set to expire on December 29, 2005.

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